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For: RUBBER COMPOSITION FOR TIRE TREAD

AND PNEUMATIC TIRE USING THE SAME

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## **AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 9, 2007

Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 26, 2006, the response to which having been extended until April 26, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.